PRICE

ARCHDUKE GIVES UP ALL HIS TITLES TO MARRY A PLEBEIAN

Leopold Ferdinand's Intended Bride Is Daughter of Subordimate Postal Official.

ANOTHER SHOCK FOR SAXONY

Became Acquainted When Young Nobleman Was Garrisoned Near the Girl's Home in Bohemia.

ELOPEMENT MAKES SENSATION

All Vienna Talks of Affair, Which Almost Overshadows the Simnitaneous Flight of Saxony's Crown Princess.

THE PARTY AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Vienna, Tele. 2. - Copyright, 1925-The sensational fact of the Archibike Leopold Ferdinand's determination to sever all connection with the imperial family and enter westhork with the number of a plain citireferred in the cases, resimurants and other places of bubble resort all evening, practically overshallowing the news of the flight of his sister, the Crewn Princess of Sax-

The name of the person whom the Arch-Hillia Adamoylch.

She is about 25 years old, of medium beight and surfkingly beautiful, with wonderful blue eyes and blood hair.

Fraultin Adamovich was born at Igian, in Bohomia, where the Archduke was garrisoned for a time as Colonel of the Eighty-first infantry Hegiment. She is said to be that infantry Hegiment. She is said to be the first transfer of the Archduke's cureer is chter of a subordinate official in the

She has two sisters, Clara and Augustine,

She there livel an exceedingly retired life with her sisters passing as the daughter of a Mexican milliotaire who had come to Austria to study music. Her youngest sister, Franceln Augustine, who took lessons | DIVORCE MAY FOLLOW from Prodessor Lembetlinky, is said to pos-

Some months and the villa was sold and the girls removed to Baden-Bel-Wein, At the regioning of this month Fraulein Wilanddedly left Baden for an un-

It now turns out that her intention was to join the Archduke Leopold Ferdinand and to become his wife.

Arenduke Leopold Ferdinand intends to her husband as irreparable.

sale formally renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the imperial house, the Archduko has returned all his orders and decorations, including that of the Golden Florce, and has resigned his commission in the Austrian army.

The Archduke was at one time secretly betrothed to Donna Elvira, the second daughter of Don Carles, who eleped with Count Filippo Folchi in 1896. He professes to extreme radical and elmost anarchistic

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7.17 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 4:44. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT BEEZ.

GRAIN CLOSED YESTERDAY: ST. LOUIS-DEC. WHEAT 714c ASKED; MAY WHEAT 76%676%c ASKED; DEC. CORN 454c BID; MAY CORN 1949139%c BID. CHI-AGO-DEC. WHEAT 75%c ASKED; MAY WHEAT 7746774c ASKED, DEC CORN 4516 BID; MAY CORN 43494350 ASKED. WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity-Threatening, with probable snow flurries. For Missouri - Fair Wednesday; colder in north. Thursday, fair;

colder in southeast. For Illinois-Cloudy Wednesday: snow in north; colder at night and Thursday, with cold wave in north.

1. Members of Cabinet Believe President Should Accept. Missing Princess Eloped With Children's

2. Morocco's Imperial Army Is Routed by Pretender.

Many Presents for Roosevelt's Children. 3. Second Marriage Follows Divorce.

Cleage Is Selling His Corn for Cash,

4 Fading Light Won in Desperate Drive, 5. To Have Choral Mass at Midnight, Turkeys Cheaper This Christmas Eve. New Police Head for New York. 6. Editorial.

Society Will Attend Yale Glee Club Con Mrs. Northcott Entertains.

7. Nestit, Law's Similarity to Preceding

en-

\$. Indiana Oil Field Finds Capital Here,

Bernhardt in a New Play. 9. Parole Granted as Christmas Present.

Rights of Capital and Labor Defined. 'Purple Mother's" Libel Suit Is On. 19. Burlington's Gift Is a Promotion.

Knights to Increase Membership. Left Note Announcing Her Marriage. 11. Blake and Butler Had Small Tilt. Water Commissioner Between Two

Fires. East Side News. 12. Republic "Want" Advertisements.

Birth, Marriage and Death Records New Corporations. 13. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Adver

14. Speculative Trading on Local Exchange River News and Personals. Weather Bulletin.

15. Local Issues Stronger,

Rise in Call Money Rates in New York. 16. Americans Compel French to Raise Shoe Prices.

MISSING PRINCESS ELOPED WITH CHILDREN'S TUTOR.

Her Brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, Went With Her in Company With a Beautiful Viennese Woman-Party at Geneva and Prepared to Spend Holidays-Crown Princess's Companion Recently Discharged From His Post at Court of Saxony.

SCANDAL AT DRESDEN INTERESTS THE ENTIRE CONTINENT.

THE HOUSE OF HAPSBURG. •

Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, ♦

Rudolph, Francis Joseph's only son. 4

Archduke Joseph accidentally shot .

Empress Elizabeth assassinated by •

Archduke Otto has been abandoned .

The Crown Princess had a lively Viennese

spirited and was inclined to ridicule the

Berlin, Dec. 23 -A dispatch from Bresden

advices from Geneva to the effect that the

Crown Princess of Saxony is in Geneva,

He is described as 24 years old and "a

striking personality, with large, bright

The court of the fugitive Princess has

The Tageblatt's Dresden correspondent

"The difficulty between the princely couple

dates from prior to King Albert's death.

They had several painful scenes during the

"It is reported here that the Crown

"The Saxon Ministers say the affair is

"The letters of the Crown Princess have

PRINCESS'S CONDUCT.

been selzed. She is expected to become a

Munich, Bayaria, Dec. 23.-It is announced

that Archduke Leopold Ferdinand left here

to find his sister. The view held at the

Bavarian court is that the Princess may

The court at Munich excuses her conduct.

alleging that the Princess was terrorized by

Professor Giron and yielded to his threats.

BETWEEN TWO SNOWSTORMS.

Threatening Weather With Light

Showers or Snow Flurries.

very encouraging, and the weather man

professes his inability to furnish proper

conditions for the testing of the runners of

the skates and sleds, which good little boys

St. Louis was between two snowstorms

yesterday one at Omaha and the other at

Chicago, Monday there was snow at Spring-

expect to find in their stockings to-morrow.

MUNICH COURT EXCUSES

yet return to Dresden.

the feathery flakes.

to the Lokal Anzeiger confirms previous

HAS LONG EXISTED.

His wife, Carlotta, went insane,

mysteriously killed in a hunting

at Schoenbrenn Palace,

age, with all on board.

the story was dropped.

DOMESTIC DISCORD

een dissolved.

King's illness.

court is concerned

himself dead while hunting.

General, Dec. 21.—The Crown Princess of B exemy is here under the name of Francein | • FAMOUS MISFORTUNES TO

Her brother Archduke Leopold Ferdi-The Archdicke has assumed the name of | • Archdichess Maria burned to death • De Burlano. They are living quietly and | ◆

prepared to spend Christmus here.

Vienna, Dec. 21. The flight of the Crown | . lodge, Princers of Saxony is the absorbing topic | Archanke John lost while on a voy-

All kinds of sensational reports are in When she left Salzburg, accompanied by ier brother, Aschduke Leopold Ferdinand, | • un austrehist, the Princess went to Munich, where a

From h tutor awaited her. Her brother | • by his wife for cruelty. was also joined there by a beautiful Viennese woman and the two couples proceeded.

Archdoke Francis has exposed to country to civil war by inorganatic to to Brussels and thence to Geneva. returned recently to Dresden after his hunt- tist, who at her request taught her to ride.

ing accident in the Tyrol he discovered se- though the King and Crown Prince comcret correspondence exchanged between the manded her not to learn. The name of the Princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal it was heard that she had disappeared, but resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Sax-

Besides disclasing the couple's relations, the letters revealed another scandal. READY FOR EMERGENCY.

Immediately afterward the Princess left her home and went to Salzburg. The fact takes itself most seriously, that she took a trank filled with jewelry and the har resolved to marry is Fraulein other valuables indicates that she was pre-

The whole of the Archduke's cureer is redolent with scandal, duting from the time | with Professor Giron, when he started to accompany the heir to with whom, until resently, she occupied a the throne on a tour of the world. He only boxuriously furnished villa, purchased by got so far as Colombo, where he was obliged to leave the ship on account of his scandalto leave the ship on account of his scandalous behavior. The Archduke has since been mixed up in a number of affairs and was confined for some months in an asylum.

PRINCESS'S DEPARTURE.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 22.-King George and the Crown Prince Frederick know where the Crown Princess Louise has cept the estrangement of the Princess

They have made the Cabinet circumstances of the Princess's flight, as they see them, and a decree of divorce is! talked of as a necessary sequel of the Princess's resolution to leave the court for-

This determination the Princess announced o her husband early in November, after one of their frequent violent scenes. She also confided her intention to separate herself utterly from the court and all its "wretch edness," to two or three of her intimate friends, and discussed with them the impossibility of her longer enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the "forced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her."

TELLS HER MOTHER. The Princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to eave the Crown Prince and give up th prospect of the queenship, which, instead of eing attractive, the Princess frequently said, was detestable to her. She formally told members of her entourage that she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg. The letter of the Princess to her mother brought the Archduchess immediately to Dresden. She implored her daughter to reconsider her determination and make the best of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children and see as little of the

Crown Prince as permissible. The Princess replied, according to one of her confidents, that she would see nothing of "that beast"; that the tutelage of her children was largely taken out of her hands and that she could not bear to see them spoiled by "the hypocrisies of the court." What she complained of in the Prince was his intemperance, his indignities, and, as her partisans affirm, his cruelty of dis-

PRINCE'S CONDUCT.

They affirm that he has had for years a liaison with an actress named Baste, and it is credibly reported that at a review of troops at Grimma, two years ago, the Prince fell from his horse, intoxicated, in front of his regiment.

However true these incidents may be, the court and all Dresden knew that a chasm separated the affections of the Crown Princess from the Crown Prince.

Though he seemingly had genuine admiration for his wife, the Prince did his share of quarreling, and often tried to impose his will upon her, but he always hoped that she would in the end humble herself. His attitude recently, until she had actually gone, appears to have been that of disdainful indifference and disbelief that rhe really intended to carry out her threats. The Crown Princess's days at Salzburg were spent in controversy with her father and mother, who did not excuse her for a moment in her mad desire to leave her

position and family. Her brother took his sister's part. The circumstances of her flight are still obscure and no further reliable news is available. The only fact that seems clear is that the King and Crown Prince know where she is and are in communication with her.

DRESDEN SENSATION. Dresden is absorbed by the sensation. The

theory that the Crown Princess is suffering from mental aberration is now only feebly propagated by the Saxon court, and the Princess's adherents intimate that an illicit love affair is the cause of the Princess's de-The Dresdener Nachrichten, one of the

principal newspapers and having conservative leanings, after saying it could almost be sorry for the Princess, with a disposition in compatible with that of the Prince and disliking the etiquette of this court, suggests that "to find the reason for her departur

The man in the case who is associated by cossip with the Princess is a handson Frenchman who was tutor to the Princess's children. He was peremptorily discharged by order of the Crown Prince December 2. An instance of the Princess's lawless dis- however, is not at all serious, though the regard of court manners was her cycling attack will confine him to his bed for a few through the streets with an American dep-

SHOULD ACCEPT TASK

The Hague Tribunal, It Is Pointed Out, Might Not Fully Under-

BESIDES, SPEED IS NEEDED.

Roosevelt Could Cut Red Tape, While the International Court Moves Ponderously.

South American States Unanimous in Resisting Diplomatic Intervention on Behalf of Claims Made by Foreigners,

Washington, Dec. 22 - A decided change of sentiment in the Cabinet was revealed to day when the President's advisers met to

dentist was at first coupled with hers when that the President would do well to necept the invitation of Germany and Italy, to ac as arbitrator rather than let the contro as he is quietly flying here with his family ersy go before The Hague tribunal, Formal manner. She was independent and highinvitations have not yet been received, but ertainly will come in a day or two. observances of the little Saxon court, which

The change is due to the belief that in a atter touching the Monroe Doctrine, even of its European training, be less likely to Bible. appreciate a strictly American idea than Americans might wish.

TO NAME A BOARD.

It is understood that the President's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitration. He would not confide this important undertaking to any one man, nor does he feel able himself to spare the vast amount of and to the point. He came to St. Louis two time necessary for an examination in detail | years ago from Greece. He was born in of each of the many claims that would be Sparta, the scene of many battles where presented against Venezuela.

a high order of legal talent, as well as others thoroughly versed in the practice of

the arbitration is the famous "Calvo" doc- After he had been at the Schmidt home Prince's recent accident, estensibly the trine.

breaking of one of his legs while hunting This doctrine, which was laid down by the in the Bavarian mountains near Salzburg, was an invention, the fact being that he greatest of Latin-American international duke Leopold Ferdinand, and the Crown Latin-American Republics, denies the right Prince was so badly handled that he had of any nation to intervene diplomatically in schalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to his apdefinitely closed, so far as the Dresden

plication for justice. Thus Venezuela has asserted that all of these claimants, British, German, Italian and French, might have gone before the Venezuelan courts and if their causes had been just and so decided by the courts the Government would have paid the judgments. The objection to this view is that no account is taken of miscarriages of jus-

can countries to adhere to this doctrine that some of them have gone to extraordinary efforts of foreign Governments to secure justice for their subjects.

A notable case is that of Salvador. Retained, after arbitration, a judgment against the Government of Salvador.

The verdict was received with intense in dignation in Salvador, and so Intense was the anti-foreign feeling existing that a law has been passed within the last few weeks making it a criminal offense, and one to be heavily punished, for any Salvadorian to give any evidence whatever before any court in behalf of a foreigner claiming damages against the Salvadorian Government.

This doctrine will be on trial before the arbitration, and because of its vast importance, if President Roosevelt appoints a board he will see that the members are men of the highest caliber.

The reasons some members of the Cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to The Doctor Hyatt predicts threatening weath-Hague tribunal are: er to-day, with possibly light showers, or, if the temperature falls a couple of de-

NEW MINISTER TO VENEZUELA. Italy Not Pleased With Actions of Signor de Riva.

grees, snow flurries, changing probably to

Caracas, Dec. 23.-Baron Carlo Allotti, who to-day, has been appointed Italian Minister to Venezuela in succession to Signor de Riva, who will depart for Italy December 28 by the French mail steamer.

It is believed here that the actions of Signor de Riva were not approved by

SUSTAINED FRACTURED SKULL.

John Weise Charged That John Wray Struck Him With Poker,

Because he disliked to be disturbed in his slumber, John Wray, who says he lives at No. 1329 North Seventh street, and John Weise, who tends bar at Kampland & Kramer's saloon at No. 1753 North Broadway, engaged in a fight yesterday afternoon which resulted seriously for Weise. His skull was fractured by a blow from a stove

Welse claims that Wray was asleep behind the stove in the saloon and that when he asked him to get up he grabbed the noker and struck him. Wray ran away, but was arrested several hours later. He was taken to the City Hospital, where the infured man was removed for treatment, and was identified. He was then locked up at the Fifth District Police Station to await the issuance of a warrant.

REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY ILL.

Will Be Confined to His Bed With Lumbago for Several Days.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley is ill, suffering with an acute attack of lumbago. His condition,

MEMBERS OF CABINET BELIEVE PRESIDENT

stand Monroe Doctrine.

"CALVO" DOCTRINE INVOLVED.

onsider the Venezuelan affair.

The belief in the Cablact grows strong

Necessarily the President's own arbitra-tion board would include some members of ted against others.

tice and of racial antipathies,

RESISTANCE STRONG. But so determined are the South Amerilengths in their resistance of diplomatic

ently a United States corporation ob-

field. Mo., but it passed by to the lakes without giving St. Louis but a "trace" of

> MONROE DOCTRINE. In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe Doctrine to the arbitrament of any non-American tribunal, no even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague. They very much prefer that if this doctrine is to be the

subject of arbitration, if it is to be even brought in incidentally, that American in fluences shall pass on it. Not that the fairness of The Hague arbireached La Guayra on the steamer Caracas | trators is impeached, but, as most of them represent European monarchical interests. it is realized that their training may be regarded as unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such an essentially American subject as the Monroe Doctrine. It is true that, on its face, the arbitration proposal contains nothing that indicates that this doctrine is to be attacked, but so complex and numerous are the questions

which will come before the arbitration that

It is apprehended here that the famous doc-

trine scarcely can be kept from considera-

Another reason that animates these Cab inet officers in this inclination toward acceptance is their conviction that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague tribunal. The machinery is sufficient, but ponderous and difficult to put in motion. First, there must be arranged a basis of arbitration; then arbitrators must be selected by the parties to the case, and these, in turn must choose an umpire or umpires, and

bitration. On the other hand, if the President undertakes the settlement, he can get rid of all red tape and start the work of arbitration within a few days.

while all this is going on the blockade

would continue, with its ever present dan-

might render nugatory all attempts at ar

FIVE SAILING VESSELS CAPTURED BY ALLIES AT PORT OF LA GUAYRA.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 23.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Five more coasting vessels fell

|SPARTAN YOUTH SAYS HE STOLE ▷ ✓ BIBLE TO LEARN CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

George Horndubles Can Read the Greek Scriptures and Thinks the Bible Would Have Served Him as a Textbook in Learning Language of This Country.



GEORGE HORNDUELOS, Greek youth who is under arrest, charged with stealing a BBde, from which he wished to learn to read English.

George Horndubies, descendant of a Spar-, for Mrs. Schmidt's family Elble. He often tan athlete whose herculean strength had her read from it to him. gained for him an enviable reputation

old. The Spartan frets under restraint, and police. is one of the most irritable prisoners who has been confined in the holdover for some George speaks English only brokenly, but

in true Spartan fashion, his sentences short the physical training of the men proved of such great advantage when they were pit-

The Schmidts went to visit relatives for indirectly. The Hague court, though unliming among all Greeks, is a prisoner at the peachably fair and honest, might, by reason. Four Courts, charged with the theft of a house. When they returned George was gone and the Bible was missing. Mrs. Horndublos is stockily built and possessed | Schmidt recalled the Greek youth's fondness of unusual strength, although but 17 years | for the book, and reported the loss to the

Early yesterday murning the roller found Horndubios at No. 113 South Sixth street. where he had rented a room. The Bible. from which he had tern the family record and photographs, which he left at the Schmidt home, was found in his room. "I did not steal the Bible," said the pris-

oner yesterday to Captain Reynolds. "I only wanted it to have my friend read it to me. I can read the Greek Bible, but not the English. I'm a Christian, and would not steal. I only berrowed the book."

Greek Students at the Four Courts yes. a high order of legal talent, as well as others. The boy has been in St. Louis only a short time. He went to board at the home of Henry Schmidt. No. 322 South Sixth streat, while he worked in a candy factory. After he had been at the Schmidt home some time he displayed a great fondness.

sought refuge, but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake Leaveld Positional and the Computation of the Princess to lake the Computation of the Princess to lake the Pri IS REGARDED AS ALARMING.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 22 .- Mrs. A. M. Dockery, wife of the Governor, was resting well at 10 o'clock to-night, but showed no signs of improvement. She suffered a sinking spell at 5 o'clock this afternoon, but

later rallied. It is thought that she cannot possibly re- portant matters of state. cover from her illness. She shows signs of

blockade of this part of the Venezuelan AMERICAN VESSEL IS The British cruiser Tribune and the Italian cruiser Glovanni Bausan were the

vessels participating in the scizures. The captured crafts were the schooners Castor and Maria Louisa and the sloops Carmen de Vega, Josefita and Cornella. The general cargo of each was cocoa, All the vessels are now anchored alongside the Bausan.

The German cruiser Gazelle arrived today and departed a few hours later. It was passed here yesterday, having in tow the leave the harbor every night. This measure schooners captured off Maracaibo. The blockade bids fair to have a very serious effect upon foreign commercial in-

terests. When the stated days of grace expire no steamer belonging to a neutral nation or any other will be allowed to enter La Guayra harbor. Inasmuch as Venezuela depends upon the United States altogether for its food products the blockade will have a specially bad effect upon American trade, although Eu-

ropean countries also will suffer through the allies' enforcement of their decree. All the captures thus far by the warships of the blockading nations have affected only the United States and Germany.

"CALVO" DOCTRINE IS CONSIDERED VITAL BY SOUTH AMERICANS.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.-Former Postmas ter General Don M. Dickinson of this city was one of the arbitration commission anpointed to decide the Salvador case referred to in a Washington dispatch on the Vene zuelan situation to-night. In fact, Mr. Dickinson's opinion on the points of international law involved in the Salvador case probably had the greatest weight in the dedision referred to.

Mr. Dickinson said to-night: "Calvo was a native of either Venezuela or Brazil, and he laid down the doctrine that foreign nations have no right to inerfere in behalf of any of their subjects is obtaining justice. This doctrine, either through diplomatic arrangement or other agreement, was adopted by all of the Latin-American countries of South and Central America.

"In our decision of the Salvador case, Sh Henry Strong and myself refused absolutely to recognize the Calvo doctrine. "The position taken under this idea is en-

tirely erroneous. If a sovereign State makes contract with an individual, and a controversy arises between them as to the terms of the contract, it is ridiculous to asger of active hostilities and bloodshed that sume that the sovereign State-one of the parties to the contract-has the right to sit as a court and decide a quarrel in which it is itself a party. "That doctrine will have to be abandoned

> by all the countries that have taken it up. as all foreign nations will insist upon the right to intervene in behalf of their sub-"Since our decision in the Salvador case was rendered, President Diaz of Mexico, one

bedside constantly since her illness has assumed a dangerous turn, leaving her only for a few minutes to attend to the most im-

living through the night, but on account of

Governor Dockery has been at his wife's

heart, she may pass away at any moment,

PERMITTED TO LAND ONLY PART OF CARGO. Caracas, Dec. 23.-The Red D liner Caracas safely entered the harbor of La Guay-

ra at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers of the Caracas were landed at 10 o'clock The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that the Panther, and not the Gazelle, that throughout her stay at La Guayra she must

is regarded as vexatious, and causes great

expense to the owners of the steamer. There were five newspaper correspondents on board the Caracas.

Lieutenant Commander Diehl at 4 o'clock this afternoon endeavored to obtain from the commanders of the foreign warships at La Guayra an extension of a few hours in the time given the steamer to remain at her dock in order that she might finish unloading. His request to this end was refused and he did not insist. The commanders of the blockading warships explained that they were acting on the orders of the British Admiral and that the orders given to permit the Caracas to discharge more than the mail had been given to satisfy

Diehl. The Caracas consequently left her berth at La Guayra at 6 o'clock, when she had landed not more than two-thirds of her

cargo.

La Guayra and take on passengers and mail, but on no account is she to enter the Mr. Boulton of Boulton & Co. has entered

a protest with the American Consul and the American Minister here against the action taken with regard to the Caracas, The Caracas will not be permitted to enter Puerto Cabello. She will be obliged to hand the remainder of her cargo at Willemstad, Curacao.

The commander of the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan last night notified the agents of the Red D Line that the Caracas would not be allowed to land her passengers, mails or freight.

The commander of the United States gunboat Marietta, Lieutenant Commander Diehl; the comamnder of the French cruiser Troude, and the United States Consul were immediately informed of the stand taken oy the Italian commander, whose decision was regarded as violating the terms of the decrees establishing the blockade, which alowed all steamers coming from the United States ten days' grace from the date of the establishment of the blockade, December 20, in which to reach Venezuelan ports. Mr. Boulton of Boulton & Co., agents of the line, and all the foreign Consuls entered protests against the Italian commander's decision, and the commander of the Marietta and the United States Consul cabled to Washington for instructions.

Meanwhile Lieutenant Commander Dight after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees, and finally the captain of of the most capable executive officials in the Bausan assured Lieutenant Commander any Latin-American country, has decided a Diehl that the Caracas would be allowed case involving \$2,000,000. In his decision he to enter the port of La Guayra without hinignored the Calvo doctrine. President Diaz's drance. Mr. Boulton then was notified that position is a very important precedent, and the Caracas would have free entry, and he I expect that the belief of the Latin-Ameri- cabled to Willemstad, where she was awaitright, 1902.)—Five more coasting vessels fell cans that they can uphold the principle of ing orders, instructing Captain Woodrick to victims this morning to the allies' vigilant nonintervention will not last very long."

MIDNIGHT BLAZE IN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Fire Does \$100,000 Damages to Building Occupied by Strauss & Stumer Mercantile Co.

FIREMEN HAVE A HARD FIGHT.

Blaze Originates in the Basement and Passageway Is Cut Through Glass Areaway-The Damage Is Covered by Insurance.

One of the most stubborn fires the St. L uls Fire Department has battled with la many days was that in the basement of the Strauss & Stomer Mercantile Company. orthwest corner Broadway and St. Charles street, which broke out about Il o'clock ast night and was not abandoned by the lepartment until 2 o'clock this morning.

The damage may reach \$100,000. Three marms were turned in, but the remen were unable to reach the flames on scount of the intense smeke and the peuliar location of the fire. According to the est information, the fire broke out in the ortheast corner of the basement, directly der the stairway, and was not discovered intil the flames had burst through the floor and flared up in the front part of the build-

The department, after breaking the plate class, gained an entrance to the building and soon extinguished the flames on the first floor, but no sooner was this done than a fierce plaze burst from the basement. On account of the glass areaway it was impossible for the firemen to get at the blaze. and a way had to be cut with axes before streams of water could be of service.

When an opening was made members of Companies 18 and 21 were sent to the basement, but they did not remain long, the great clouds of smoke driving them back to the street. Chief Swingley said it was one of the hardest fires to fight he has seen in many years, because of the inaccessibility of the flames.

The building is occupied by the Strauss & Stumer Mercantile Company in the basement and first floor, with M. Herzog proprietor of the closk department, while the remaining five floors are occupied by the Gaier & Stron Millinery Company. The amount of stock carried by the conerns is variously estimated from \$75,000 to \$125,000, and it was stated that insurance

fully covering the damage was carried by

both firms. The damage, which was caused

mostly by smoke, fire causing the trouble in the basement, was estimated in amounts ranging from \$59,000 to \$100,000. Penny & Gentles, occupying the southwest corner of Broadway and Washington avenue, and Seibert, Goode & Co., the ten cent store at Nos. 510-12 Washington ave-

A conservative estimate of the total amount of damages could not be made at o'clock this morning, because the bulk of it had been done by smoke. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was

stated that the blaze might have been

nue were slightly damaged by smoke.

the nature of her malady, which affects the caused by an electric wire or by spontanes ous combustion in the basement. The fire was discovered by Ben Meyers of No. 3100 Franklin avenue, who was standing at the corner of St. Charles street and Broadway when the blaze burst from the basement to the first floor. He turned in an alarm from the box on the corner. A gen-

eral alarm was sounded later. JEWISH CHARITABLE UNION

ELECTS NINE DIRECTORS. Reports of Officers Show a Good Record for the First Year's

Nine directors were elected at the annual neeting of the Jewish Charitable and Eduational Union, which took place last night at the Columbian Club. Three are to serve one year and six to serve three years. Reports from the officers of the union and from several institutions were received.

The directors elected are Marcus Bern-

helmer, Julius Lesser, Morris Glaser, Aaron

Work.

Haas, Moses Fraley, Isaac Meyer, J. D. Goldman, August Frank and William Gold-The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that of a total subscription of \$10,000 made by \$60 persons, but \$105.75 remains uncollected. This sum is expected to

be in the hands of the treasurer before the

first of next year. Before the organization of the union all Jewish charities of the city worked separately, and at the end of each year a deficit was reported. All obligations have been met by the union and a balance of \$3,725.63 remains in the treasury. Prominent among the receipts mentioned in the treasurer's report was \$795.16 received from the St. Louis. Fair Association, which is a third of themoney distributed among the three organized charities of the city.

Moses Fraley, the president of the union

in his message spoke of each department of

the work to which the union contributes

and praised the persons who have them in

charge. Besides the local institutions which

have been helped are the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum and the Denver National Hospital for Consumptives. The officers of the union are Moses Fraley, president; Marcus Bernheimer, first vice president; Julius Lesser, second vice president: William Stix, treasurer: Bernard secretary, and Montefore Bienenstok, assistant secretary.

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